

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

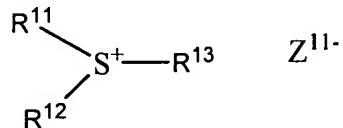
LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended): A photosensitive composition comprising an infrared absorbing agent, a sulfonium salt polymerization initiator, a polymerizable compound having a urethane skeleton and a binder polymer,

wherein the sulfonium salt polymerization initiator is an onium salt represented by the following general formula (I):

General formula (I)

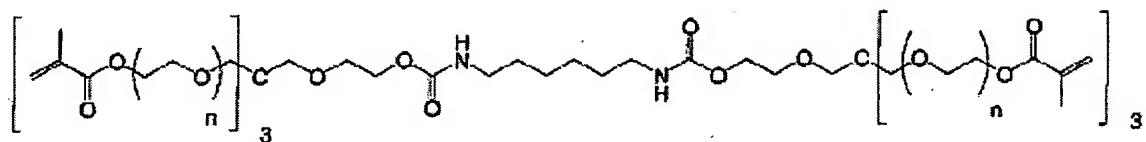
General formula (I)



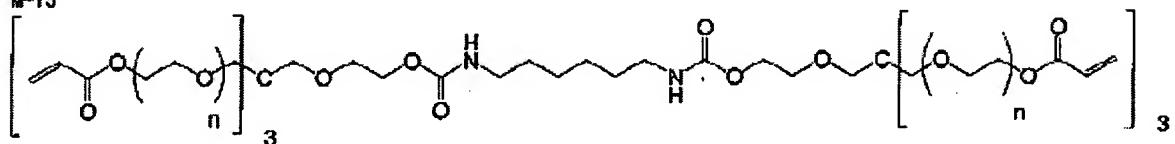
wherein R^{11} , R^{12} , and R^{13} each independently represent an aryl group, and at least two of R^{11} , R^{12} and R^{13} are substituted with a chlorine atom; and Z^{11-} represents a counterion selected from the group consisting of a halogen ion, a perchlorate ion, a tetrafluoroborate ion, a hexafluorophosphate ion, a carboxylate ion and a sulfonate ion, and

wherein the polymerizable compound having a urethane skeleton is at least one of the compounds represented by the following formulae M-14 to M-19:

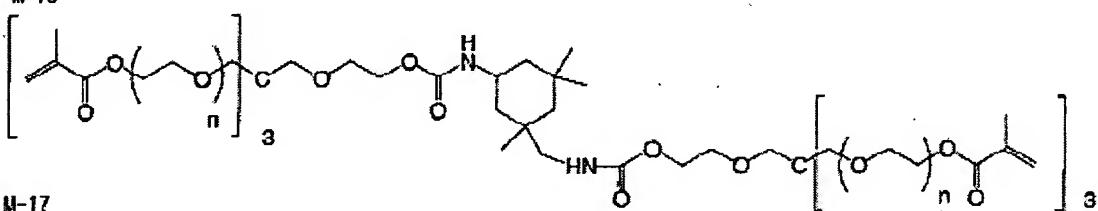
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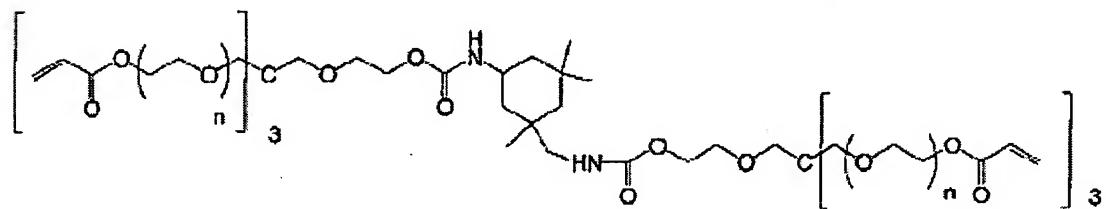
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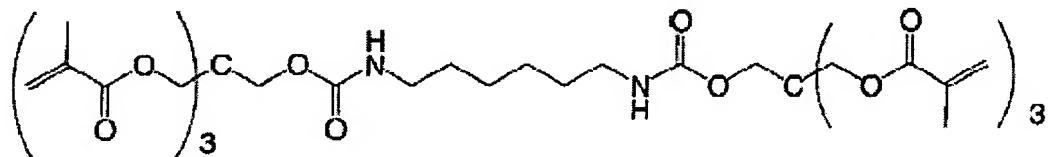
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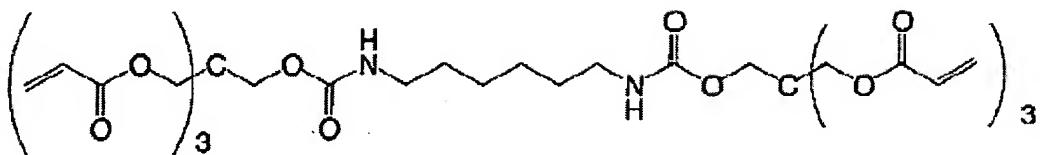
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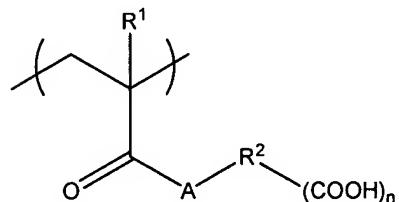
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2-4 (canceled).

5. (original): A photosensitive composition according to claim 1, wherein the binder polymer has a repeating unit represented by the following general formula (i):

General formula (i)



wherein R¹ represents a hydrogen atom or a methyl group; R² represents a linking group composed of two or more atoms selected from the group consisting of a carbon atom, a hydrogen atom, an oxygen atom, a nitrogen atom and a sulfur atom, and wherein the total number of atoms in R² is 2 to 82; A represents an oxygen atom or -NR³- in which R³ represents a hydrogen atom or a monovalent hydrocarbon group having 1 to 10 carbon atoms; and n is an integer from 1 to 5.

6. (original): A photosensitive composition according to claim 1, wherein the infrared absorbing agent is a dye having an absorption maximum at a wavelength of 700 to 1200 nm.

7. (original): A photosensitive composition according to claim 6, wherein the infrared absorbing agent is selected from the group consisting of cyanine dyes, phthalocyanine dyes, oxonol dyes, squarylium dyes, pyrylium salts, thiopyrylium dyes and nickelthiolate complexes.

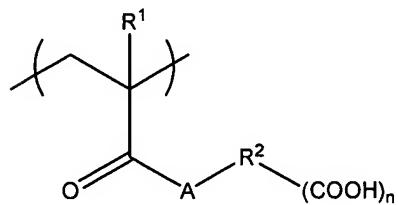
8. (previously presented): A planographic printing plate precursor comprising a photosensitive layer disposed on a substrate, wherein the photosensitive layer comprises the photosensitive composition according to claim 1.

9. (original): A planographic printing plate precursor according to claim 8, wherein a protective layer is disposed on the photosensitive layer.

10-12 (canceled).

13. (original): A planographic printing plate precursor according to claim 8, wherein the binder polymer has a repeating unit represented by the following general formula (i):

General formula (i)



wherein R¹ represents a hydrogen atom or a methyl group; R² represents a linking group composed of two or more atoms selected from the group consisting of a carbon atom, a hydrogen atom, an oxygen atom, a nitrogen atom and a sulfur atom, and wherein the total number of atoms in R² is 2 to 82; A represents an oxygen atom or -NR³- in which R³ represents a hydrogen atom or a monovalent hydrocarbon group having 1 to 10 carbon atoms; and n is an integer from 1 to 5.

14. (original): A planographic printing plate precursor according to claim 8, wherein the infrared absorbing agent is a dye having an absorption maximum at a wavelength of 700 to 1200 nm.

15. (original): A planographic printing plate precursor according to claim 14, wherein the infrared absorbing agent is selected from the group consisting of cyanine dyes, phthalocyanine dyes, oxonol dyes, squarylium dyes, pyrylium salts, thiopyrylium dyes and nickelthiolate complexes.

16. (original): A planographic printing plate precursor according to claim 8, wherein a coating amount of the photosensitive layer after drying is 0.1 to 10 g/m².

17. (original): A planographic printing plate precursor according to claim 8, wherein the protective layer contains polyvinyl alcohol as a major component.

18. (original): A planographic printing plate precursor according to claim 8,
wherein the planographic printing plate precursor is subjected to imagewise exposure with laser
light having a wavelength of 750 to 1400 nm.

19. (currently amended): A photosensitive composition according to claim 1, wherein
the sulfonium salt polymerization initiator is a compound represented by the following formula:

